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SUBJECT: 62ND ECOSOC, ITEM 7 - TRANSPORT QUESTIONS:  
WORK OF COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS

REF: (A) DOCUMENT ST/SG/AC 18/2 (REPORT OF COM. OF EXPERTS  
ON TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS)  
(B) UNEC D-76/77; (C) RIEMER/ROBERTS (DOT) TELECONS

1. THE TWO DRAFT RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED BY THE UK DELE-  
GATION ON BEHALF OF THE GROUP OF EXPERTS (APPENDED TO REF B)  
WERE MELDED INTO A SINGLE RESOLUTION INCLUDED AS PARAGRAPH  
5 OF THIS MESSAGE, WHICH WAS PASSED BY CONSENSUS IN THE  
ECONOMIC COMMITTEE OF ECOSOC ON FRIDAY, APRIL 22.

2. THIS OUTCOME WAS NECESSITATED BY THE OBJECTIONS OF  
SOME DELEGATIONS, PARTICULARLY THE NETHERLANDS AND FRANCE,  
TO PROVISIONS IN SECOND DRAFT RESOLUTION PROVIDING EXTRA  
MEETINGS (AND HENCE EXPENDITURES) FOR THE EXPRESS PURPOSE  
OF STUDYING THE QUESTION OF AN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON  
THE TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS, FOR WHICH THEY SEE NO  
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NEED. THE COMPROMISE TEXT, THEREFORE, DOES NOT EXPRESSLY  
ASSIGN THE ADDITIONAL TEN WORKING DAYS (REDUCED FROM TWENTY  
AT U.S. SUGGESTION, BACKED BY USSR) TO WORK ON THE CONVENTION.  
LANGUAGE ON OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 4 "AND REQUESTS THE SYG TO  
TRANSMIT THESE OBSERVATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS AT  
ITS TENTH SESSION" WAS ADDED AT THE REQUEST OF THE FRG  
BECAUSE OF ITS CONTINUED RESERVATIONS RELATIVE TO CONFLICT

WITH EUROPEAN ARRANGEMENTS FOR TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS (SEE PARAGRAPH 4 BELOW). LANGUAGE ON THE SPECIAL PROBLEMS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WAS INSERTED AT THE REQUEST OF ALGERIA, THE ONLY DEVELOPING COUNTRY WHICH ACTIVELY PARTICIPATED IN THE INFORMAL NEGOTIATIONS LEADING TO THE COMBINED TEXT.

3. IN THE COURSE OF INFORMAL NEGOTIATIONS, U.S. POSITION WAS ESSENTIALLY IN HARMONY WITH THOSE OF THE USSR AND CANADA. UK DELEGATION ASSUMED EXPRESSLY NEUTRAL ROLE, WHILE THE NETHERLANDS AND TO A LESSER EXTENT FRANCE AND FRG OPPOSED WORK ON CONVENTION. ALL DELEGATIONS SUPPORTED OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 7 OF AGREED TEXT, OPENING PARTICIPATION IN SUBSIDIARY BODIES TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS.

4. IN REMARKS AFTER THE CONSENSUS DECISION WAS TAKEN, FRG STILL VOICED THE PROBLEMS CREATED RELATIVE TO THE EUROPEAN ACCORD ON DANGEROUS GOODS TRANSPORT. ALGERIA REQUESTED AND RECEIVED ASSURANCE THAT THERE WERE STILL TWO SEATS AVAILABLE FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ON THE EXPERTS GROUP.

5. SECRETARIAT PRESENTED ESTIMATE THAT FINANCIAL IMPLICATION OF TEXT WOULD BE \$65,000. MISOFF HAS REQUESTED THAT A BREAKDOWN OF THESE COSTS BE PRESENTED PRIOR TO PASSAGE OF THE RESOLUTION IN PLENARY.

QUOTE THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

RECALLING ITS RESOLUTIONS 645 G (XXIII) OF 26 APRIL 1957, 724 C (XXVIII) OF 7 JULY 1959, 871 (XXXIII) OF 10 APRIL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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1962, 994 (XXXVI) OF 16 DECEMBER 1963, 1110 (XL) OF 7 MARCH 1966, 1488 (XLVIII) OF 22 MAY 1970, 1744 (LIV) OF 4 MAY 1973 AND RESOLUTIONS 1973 (LIX) AND 1974 (LIX) OF 30 JULY 1975,

NOTING THE PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR 1977/1978 PROPOSED BY THE COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS IN PARAGRAPHS 143 TO 145 OF ITS REPORT ON ITS NINTH SESSION /ST/SG/AC.10/2./

NOTING ALSO THE VIEWS OF THE COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON A STUDY OF AN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS BY ALL MODES OF TRANSPORT AS SET OUT IN PARAGRAPH 7 OF DOCUMENT E/5916,

1. TAKES NOTE WITH SATISFACTION OF THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON THE TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS;
2. TAKES NOTE OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON THE TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS ON ITS NINTH SESSION;/ST/SG/AC.10/2./
3. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, IN THE LIGHT OF THE CONTENTS OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS:  
(A) TO INCORPORATE IN THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE

OF EXPERTS /SEE TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS (UNITED NATIONS PUBLICATION, SALES NO. E.76.VIII.2)/ THE AMENDMENTS SET FORTH IN THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ITS NINTH SESSION;  
(B) TO PUBLISH THE AMENDMENTS SO ADOPTED;  
(C) TO CIRCULATE THE RECOMMENDATIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO GOVERNMENTS OF MEMBER STATES, TO THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, TO THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY AND TO THE OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNED;  
4. INVITES GOVERNMENTS OF MEMBER STATES, THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY AND THE OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNED TO TRANSMIT TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL SUCH COMMENTS AS THEY MAY WISH TO MAKE ON THE AMENDED RECOMMENDATIONS AND TO INDICATE TO WHAT EXTENT THEY WILL BE APPLIED AND REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO TRANSMIT THESE OBSERVATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS FOR CONSIDERATION AT ITS TENTH SESSION;  
5. INVITES THE COMMITTEE TO CONTINUE, IN CONSULTATION WITH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OTHER BODIES CONCERNED, PARTICULARLY UNCTAD, IMCO, ICAO, IATA AND THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS, WITH ITS STUDIES OF AN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS FOR ALL MODES OF TRANSPORT, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE SPECIAL PROBLEMS, IF ANY, OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AND TO REPORT TO THE COUNCIL;  
6. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO CONVENE SUFFICIENT MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS AND ITS SUBSIDIARY BODIES TO ENABLE SATISFACTORY PROGRESS TO BE MADE ON OUTSTANDING TASKS AND TO THIS END REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-

GENERAL TO CONVENE IN 1979 ADDITIONAL MEETINGS OF THE GROUP OF RAPPORTEURS CONSISTING OF A TOTAL OF 10 WORKING DAYS IN PREPARATION FOR THE GROUP'S REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE AT ITS ELEVENTH SESSION TO BE HELD IN 1980;  
7. DECIDES THAT ANY MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS MAY PARTICIPATE AND VOTE IN THE WORK OF THAT COMMITTEE'S SUBSIDIARY BODIES, IF HE SO NOTIFIES THE SECRETARIAT OF HIS INTENTION TO DO SO. UNQUOTE  
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